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SUBJECT: SWEDISH NEUTRALITY AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE IEA

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1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER SVEN ANDERSSON ANSWERED A QUESTION RAISED IN PARLIAMENT BY CENTER PARTY MP OLOF JOHANSSON JAN. 16 REGARDING THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON SWEDISH NEUTRALITY OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE IEA. JOHANSSON CITED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INTERVIEW IN BUSINESS WEEK IN WHICH  
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THE SECRETARY "THREATENS VIOLENCE AGAINST THE OIL PRODUCERS

TO SECURE OIL DELIVERIES...AND DEMANDS THAT THE OIL CONSUMERS IN IEA SUPPORT A JOINT ENERGY PROGRAM IN ORDER TO MAKE A CONFERENCE WITH THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES MEANINGFUL." IN THE LIGHT OF THESE STATEMENTS, JOHANSSON ASKED HOW SWEDEN'S NEUTRALITY WOULD BE AFFECTED.

2. AFZR NOTING THAT SWEDEN, TOGETHER WITH SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRIA, HAD MADE A NEUTRALITY DECLARATION AT THE TIME OF ACCESSION TO THE IEA, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE ENERGY PROGRAM "DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY COMMITMENTS IN CONFLICT WITH OUR NEUTRALITY." ANY ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY AGREED TO, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, CAN ONLY BE ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE IEA MEMBERS. SHOULD A SITUATION ARISE WHERE PARTICIPATION IN THE COOPERATION COULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH SWEDISH NEUTRALITY, ANDERSSON ASSERTED, "WE HAVE BY THE NEUTRALITY CLAUSE CLEARLY MADE KNOWN THAT WE MUST STAND ASIDE. (BUT) THERE IS NO REASON TO SPECULATE ABOUT THE NATURE OF SUCH A SITUATION.

3. CONTINUING, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT "THE ENERGY PROGRAM CALLS FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE CONSUMERS. FROM THE SWEDISH SIDE, WE HAVE ALWAYS EMPHASIZED THIS COOPERATION. NATURALLY, WE WILL STRIVE TO SEE IT DEVELOP IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT AND THAT A CLOSE AND TRUSTFUL COOPERATION IS ESTABLISHED, TO AVOID CONFRONTATION." HE CONCLUDED: "FINALLY, IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT IN JOINING THE ENERGY PROGRAM WE IMPROVE OUR BALANCE OF SUPPLY IN A CRISIS SITUATION WHERE THE ALLOCATION IS AUTOMATIC WITHOUT POLITICAL DECISIONS OR POLITICAL DEMANDS. THIS SEEMS TO AFFECT IN A POSITIVE WAY OUR POSSIBILITIES TO CARRY ON A STRICT NEUTRAL POLICY." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: IT WAS PROBABLY INEVITABLE THAT SOME PARLIAMENTARIAN WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS RE IMPLICATIONS FOR SWEDISH NEUTRALITY OF POSSIBLE TOUGH IEA LINE TOWARDS OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S BUSINESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEEK INTERVIEW. THE SECRETARY'S REFUSAL TO RULE OUT USE OF FORCE IN SITUATION WHERE WESTERN COUNTRIES FACED ECONOMIC STRANGULATION HAS RECEIVED PROMINENT AND DISTORTED ATTENTION IN SWEDISH MEDIA. JOHANSSON, WHO IS NOT REGARDED AS ONE OF MORE EMINENT MEMBERS OF RIKSDAG, WAS ONE OF SMALL GROUP OF MP'S WHO HAD EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS TO KEY PARTICIPATION IN IEA BEFORE FINAL DECISION WAS TAKEN. BY AVOIDING BEING DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF MEANING OF SECRETARY'S

STATEMENT IN INTERVIEW, AND BY STRESSING POSITIVE ASPECTS  
OF IEA, GOVERNMENT HAS RATHER EFFECTIVELY DEFUSED POTENTI-  
ALLY SENSITIVE ISSUE.  
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